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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE filed 03/15/03.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,15-21,26-28 and 30-33 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5-13,15-21,26-28 and 30-33 is/are rejected.

- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's RCE filed 03/15/03 has been entered and carefully considered. Claims 1, 11 and 26 have been amended. Claims 4, 14, 22-25 and 29 have been cancelled. However, limitations of amended claims have not been found to be patentable over prior art of record and newly discovered prior art, therefore, claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-21, 26-28 and 30-33 are rejected under the new ground of rejection as set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-21, 26-28 and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison [US. 5,694,163] in view of Celebiler [US. 6,195,094].

As to claims 1, 11, 20, 26 and 30, Harrison discloses receiving a video signal at the device (see abstract and column 2, lines 53-67). Harrison cites "....A television program is combined with the associated data at a broadcast transmitter. The encoded television signal is broadcast..." read as the video signal; receiving at the device one or more chat communications corresponding

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to the video signal (column 2, lines 55-65). Harrison also cites "...their personal computers over a telephone network with an on-line service that provides a chat capability...A chat formatter at this server formats and transmits the chat over an associated data channel..." read as the user interface device chat communications; displaying the video signal and the one or more chat communications on the display in a first mode (figure 2, (214)) such that the video signal is displayed in a first frame (figure 2, (216)) that has a corresponding size and position on the display and such that the one chat communication are displayed in a second frame that has a corresponding size and position on the display (figure 2, (226)) and see column 4, lines 22-49). The difference between Harrison and the claim is a link to a second display mode that is different that the first display mode, such that when the link is selected, at least one of the size and position of at least the second frame changes.

Celebiler shows the link (figure 4, 406, 407) to the second mode. The first mode includes at least 2 frames (windows) (figure 4, 402, 405); when a link (the button 406 on the splitter bar 407) is selected, a second is different than the first mode. Applicant's attention is directed "The user can simply click on the button 406 on the splitter bar 407, which separates the message list pane 402 from the message display pane 405 and it will close the message display pane 405, giving the user the whole window space to see the list of messages 402" column 4, lines 1-15. Therefore, the first mode should be two windows (402, 405) before dragging the splitter bar (407) and the second mode should be after

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dragging the splitter bar. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, having the teachings of Harrison and Celebiler before them at the time the invention was made to modify the video signal and the chat communication on the display taught by Harrison to include the link to the second mode of the display of Celebiler, with the motivation being to allow user to be able to watch various display modes by adjusting the screen layout as taught by Celebiler.

As to claims 2 and 12, Harrison also discloses the video signal is a television show (column 2, lines 53-67).

As to claims 3 and 13, Harrison teaches the chat communications is text (see abstract and column 2, lines 54-68).

As to claims 5 and 15, Celebiler shows the chat overlies a portion of the video signal (figure 4).

As to claims 6 and 16, Harrison also shows changing the video signal receive a different channel, and in response to the different channel sending a request to a server for different chat communication corresponding to the different channel (column 6, lines 40-60).

As to claim 7, Celebiler demonstrates actuating the link and thereby interpreting a document having display attributes corresponding to the second mode (column 3, line 16 through column 4, line 13).

As to claims 8 and 18, Harrison also demonstrates displaying an area on the display for sending information relating to the video signal or one or more chat communications (column 4, line 50 through column 5, line 7).

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As to claims 9 and 19, Harrison discloses displaying an area the display for scrolling through the one more chat Communications (column 2, lines 31-51).

As to claims 10, 21, 31 and 33, while Harrison shows a television markup language and document that represents the second display mode and rendering the document to display the video signal and one or more chat communications in accordance with the second display mode, Celebiler shows the selecting the link (figure 4, 406, 407).

As to claim 17, the claim is analyzed as previously discuss with respect to claims 7 and 11.

As to claim 27, Harrison shows the video comprises a television show (column 2, lines 30-36).

As to claim 28, Harrison also shows changing the video to a different channel, and in response to the different channel sending a request to a server for different cha corresponding to the different channel (column 2, lines 23-32).

As to claim 32, Harrison teaches instruction for displaying an area on the display for scrolling through the chat (column2, lines 38-48).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 11 and 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

Conclusion

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